

### **REMARKS**

Reconsideration and allowance are respectfully requested in view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks.

Claims 2-20, 22-43, 45-47, and 49-53 remain in this application. Claims 1, 21, 44, and 48 have been canceled. Claims 2, 19, 22, 39, 41, 45 and 49 have been amended.

The Examiner indicated that claims 2-18, 22-38, 45-47, and 49-63 were objected to but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Claims 2, 22, 45, and 49 have been rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims and are therefore allowable. Claims 3-20 depend from claim 2 and are therefore also allowable. Claims 23-43 depend from claim 22 and are therefore also allowable. Claims 46 and 47 depend from claim 45 and are therefore also allowable. Claims 50-53 depend from claim 49 and are therefore also allowable.

In view of the above, Applicants respectfully request that a Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

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